

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2378

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment under the Medicare program for pap smear laboratory tests.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 1998

Mr. AKAKA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Investment in Wom-
5 en’s Health Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR PAP SMEAR**
7 **LABORATORY TESTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(7) In no case shall payment under the fee schedule
2 established under paragraph (1) for the laboratory test
3 component of a diagnostic or screening pap smear be less
4 than \$14.60.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to laboratory tests
7 furnished on or after January 1, 1999.

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